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Neither Platt nor Miller, in New York, have been reconciled to the assignment of the cabinet offices, while the effort to establish a white-man's republicanism in the south has only had the effect to alienate the bone and sinew of the party in that section. As to the people at large, they are fast finding out the sham character of the reform in the postal service which the new administration promised. The experience of Montana is a fair example of the condition of affairs in this branch of the public service elsewhere in the west. Mails, especially on the star routes, are delayed in transit, so that subscribers to the daily papers are constantly complaining. Sometimes a paper will be three or four days on the way, while at other times three or four issues will be received at once. The publishers are blamed for the irregularity, which is traceable directly to the mail service. The changes that are being made in routes almost invariably make bad matters worse, and complaints to the department at Washington bring no betterment. It is time that the administration awake to the fact that the same methods which earn success in the private business enterprise succeed in the management. When the post offices are placed upon a business footing it will be time enough for the adepts of the president to talk about a second term.

COMPLAINTS from subscribers are constantly reaching this office of delay in receiving their papers, particularly at postoffices which are served by star routes. The INDEPENDENT is mailed at the Helena postoffice every day in good season for all routes, and goes out on trains and stages with unfailing regularity. The trouble, therefore, is clearly where than in the Helena office, but just where it is impossible to say. Complaints have been filed with agents of the postoffice department and by them submitted to the Washington authorities. As the department never moves promptly it may be some time before the service is improved; meantime subscribers will please exercise forbearance, being assured that the publishers are doing all in their power to secure the prompt transmission of papers through the mails.

STILL was filed yesterday by stockholders in the Fair association outside of the directors against the directors, and involves an interesting question to all corporations as to whether directors can issue unsold stock without giving all the stockholders an opportunity to take their pro rata of the same at its par value or its actual value. It is claimed in the petition of plaintiffs that the stock was sold at \$25 per share, while its actual value was upwards of \$30 per share, and that the present directors of the company were the purchasers, and ignored the rights of stockholders not directors.

Empowering the Legislature. It is highly gratifying to observe the progressive spirit which characterizes the constitutional conventions of Montana and Washington, as shown by the adoption of a substitute for the ancient cumbersome and too general provision of the grand jury system. In this connection it is proper to state that the INDEPENDENT was the first newspaper in Montana to suggest the change, which was accepted by the legislature in 1887. It has been in operation in Wisconsin for twenty years, and has been in all that time has it been deemed advisable to summon a grand jury, which was done in the case of the Newhall house disaster, at Milwaukee, to satisfy the public that the blame for the killing of persons responsible for the great loss of life that attended the fire. The change will effect a great saving in the larger and more sparsely settled counties, by obviating the necessity of sending grand jurors from distant points, besides doing away with the need of calling witnesses in criminal cases except for examination before the committing magistrate and on trial of the charge.

THE SUFFRAGE QUESTION. In a communication that is printed elsewhere H. B. Blackwell, secretary of the Equal Suffrage League, writes: "If the people of Montana, through their agents in the constitutional convention, empower their representatives to act hereafter in this matter [extension of the right of suffrage to women], they only maintain the existing status of women. Mr. Blackwell overlooks the fact that the people of Montana have in the remotest degree expressed their views upon the question of woman suffrage, and that, therefore, the convention, in relegating this subject to the legislature, is acting without authority—that woman suffrage would thereby enter into the question of the adoption or rejection of the constitution. Until the people have been heard upon the subject neither convention nor legislature should assume to act in the premises, even to the extent proposed by Mr. Blackwell, who, although seemingly moderate, is but an opening wedge to complete change in the electoral system of the future state of Montana."

Not one delegate in the Montana constitutional convention has shown the understanding that he should vote to extend the right of suffrage. The issue did not enter into the canvass preceding the election. It would be unwise in delegates to do as Mr. Blackwell has suggested, and empower any future legislature, whether chosen upon that issue or not, to confer upon the women the right to vote at general elections. The INDEPENDENT does not assume that women are not qualified to intelligently exercise the electoral privilege; unquestionably they equal men in intelligence and probity. The argument at this time is not against woman suffrage, but against extension of the right to vote to women or to any class of men not already endowed with the right until the question shall have been submitted to and decided by a vote of the people. The extension of the right of suffrage will strike most people as being quite as serious a matter—Mr. Blackwell to the contrary notwithstanding—as the abridgment of it, and one which the people have a right to be heard directly.

A SECOND-TERM ROOM. Here Rusk, the particular representative of the "horror-banded" in the Harrison cabinet, and who was selected because of the industry with which he has held office in Wisconsin ever since the close of the war, has nominated Gen. Harrison for a second term, and tells the listening newspaper correspondent how popular the president is with the masses of the people. There is nothing surprising in the fact that, even at this early date, the president is hoped for upon a re-nomination; most if not all of the presidents have had similar ambition, and those who did not receive a second nomination have thought themselves badly used by their party. Secretary Jere, however, is not in a position to be an impartial judge of the running merits of Gen. Harrison, who has five months of his official term behind him and forty-three months still before him. To men who have better opportunities for observation it has become apparent that in the short time Gen. Harrison has occupied the white house he has made as many enemies in his own party as any of his predecessors in the same length of time. The angry rejection of the tender of a consulate by Rowell G. Horr, the leader of the Albigens in the national convention of 1888, shows which way the wind blows as regards that particular faction of the party.

HOOD'S COMPOUND EXTRACT. Let us give our readers of the INDEPENDENT a little timely advice. Hot weather is coming and with it, colic, cholera, morbus, dysentery and diarrhoea. The only safe way to counteract these is to keep a supply of reliable remedy at hand, and all who have tried Hood's Compound Extract, Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy will admit that it is the most prompt, reliable and successful medicine known for these complaints. It costs but 25 or 30 cents, and may be the means of saving you or your family much suffering. If it is not used, before summer is over. For sale by H. M. Patches & Co.

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